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TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the selectmen of the town of Bedford.

The following is a statement of the financial condition of the town for the year ending March 1, 1875, as it appears upon the books of the treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Received from treasurer 1873	$16,037 47
Taxes for the year 1874	5,740 15
Silas A. Riddle cemetery lots	40 00
" use of hearse	10 00
Joseph H. Stevens in part for old hearse house and harnesses	15 00
Horace Holbrook interest on taxes	220 30
John Hodgman " "	90 81
Interest on State bonds	504 00
Savings bank tax	1,717 55
Railroad tax	136 77
Literary fund	77 49
Insurance tax	7 50
United States bounty	64 00
	$24,661 04

DISBURSEMENTS, BONDS, CASH, &c.

Paid balance of school money, 1873	$151 54

Whole amount " 1874	1,655 04
Old orders	152 10
Without order	65 04
Amount of orders drawn to date	11,048 22
On hand State bonds	8,400 00
Samuel Patten's note	44 00
Due from Col. 1874	1,090 15
Cash	2,054 95
	$24,661 04

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN HODGMAN, *Treasurer.*

Bedford, March 1, 1875.

INCIDENTIAL EXPENSES.

William McAllaster services as Selectman	$90 00
Henry T. Barnard " "	74 00
John S. McNeill, " "	45 00
Oliver L. Kendall, " treasurer	50 00
S. E. Morrison, paid W. H. Fisk printing reports	31 63
William Walker, use of watering trough	3 00
Hannah Rollins, over tax in 1873	4 25
Silas A. Riddle, services as clerk	50 00
Edwin R. Walker, labor on cemetery wall	12 50
William M. Patten, stone " "	5 00
John Hodgman, for notes paid	2,070 43
Oliver L. Kendall, money over paid treasurer	65 23
Ralph Holbrook, abatement of taxes in 1873	55 40
Sewell Stratton, over tax in 1875	3 00
William R. French, services as Sup. S. Committee	55 00
Stephen Goffe, sheep killed by dogs	15 00
" wood furnished town house	4 50
Samuel McDole, services as constable	5 00
Samuel E. Morrison, paid W. H. Fisk for record and surveyor's books	22 35

Joseph H. Stevens, abatement dog tax 1873	1	00
William Moore, damage to carriage	4	00
" paid J. B. Varrick pr. hand cuffs	4	00
John S. McNeill, paid Briggs & Huse for counsel	5	00
Quincy Barnard, collecting tax for 1873	142	50
John H. McAfee, abatement in part of his tax	20	00
David Campbell, " dog tax 1874	1	00
George Foster, use of watering trough from 1872 to 1874	9	00
John Hodgman, per. centage on tax list	139	78
" abatement non-resident tax worked	6	84
" paid Chandler & Houston notes	3,867	17
" " State and county tax	2,512	70
S. E. Morrison, paid S. N. Bell for counsel in Connor case in 1869 to 1872	30	00
Horace Holbrook, abatement non-residence tax worked	4	55
Horace Holbrook, per. on tax list 1872	65	20
" services as collector in 1872	90	00
John Hodgman, abatement of tax lists of 1869 70 & 71	36	12
Wm. R. French services as S. S. Committee	25	00
William McAllaster, paid on cemetery wall	35	00
Thomas F. Kendall, repairing tools	4	06
Charles H. Moore, paid county com. on road	36	70
S. E. Morrison, aid to transient persons	5	50
Clinton French, " " "	4	00
John A. Patten, paid J. B. Varrick pr. hand cuffs	4	00
Quincy Barnard, error on tax list in 1873	20	55
" abatement on his list in 1873	28	20
John Hodgman, non-residence tax worked	11	04
William Walker, use of watering trough, 1874	3	00
Joseph H. Stevens, surveying C. H. Moore's road	2	00

HIGHWAY AND BRIDGES.

James S. Lord, labor on highway in 1873	10	67
David Sprague, breaking " "	4	80
Frederick Hodgman, labor " "	11	50

Ephriam Kendall, breaking " "	6	60
Albert F. Newton, labor " "	39	56
James Fulerton, " & breaking "	16	15
Justin E. Vose, " "	45	00
James McPerson, labor & breaking highway 1871 & 72	13	20
Bradford Beals, labor & breaking highway 1873	12	24
Nathaniel Flint, " " "	11	00
Wm. R. French, " " "	2	00
George F. Gage, " " " 1873	7	60
George F. Shepard, " " 1873	10	33
George F. Barnard, " " 1874	5	00
R. S. Spaulding, rails " " 1772	20	00
David R. Barnard, railing on Sand hill	22	95
Gardner Nivens, labor on road 1873	3	75
Joseph H. Tinker, " "	31	00
Ruben Bugbee, " "	3	00
James E. Gault, " "	3	50
Leonard Bursiel, " on Wallace bridge	9	00
Stilman A. Shepard, labor on highway 1873	24	80
Horace Holbrook, labor on Wallace bridge	9	00
Eliphalet Bursiel, " "	8	00
Clinton French, working non-resident tax	7	05
Joseph H. Stevens, labor on highway 1873	16	94
Clinton French labor on highway	79	60
Wm. A. Rundlet, " on Wallace bridge	11	25
Frederick E. Scheer, "	18	00
Sanford Roby, labor on highway	28	75
Albert E. Boyce, railing on highway	12	92
Williams D. Mitchell, labor on highway and bridges	24	39
Peter Kean, breaking roads 1873	22	05
S. E. Morrison, labor and iron for Wallace b'dge	14	75
Isaac P. Hodgman, labor on highway	20	00
Joseph H. Tinker, " N. Boston highway	16	25
Silas Holbrook, labor on highway	20	82
Alfred Jones, " " Dist. No. 4	65	50
George F. Shepard, "	13	31
L. D. Perry, " "	3	51
Adam Campbell " " Dist. No. 4	24	00
E. J. Campbell " "	58	40

Patrick Cochran	"	"	Dist. No. 4	7 00
David H. Barr	"	"		31 50
William Moore	"	"	Meadow road	15 75
J. S. McNeill, non-resident tax worked,				14 63
M. W. Spencer, labor on highway				14 59
Clinton French,	"	"		8 50
S. E. Morrison, paid for labor on Meadow road,				24 00
B. W. Nichols, labor on highway 1873				25 45
Orren Webber,	"	"	"	3 45
William H. Tarr,	"	"	"	28 62
Stephen Goffe, labor and plank for bridge,				27 36
Elephalet Bursiel, railing for Wallace bridge,				5 00
Frederick E. Scheer, labor Sand hill bridge,				20 50
Alford Jones Jr.,	" highway Dist. No. 4,			16 00
William McAffe,	"	"		28 67
Joseph H. Holbrook,	"	"		6 50
Silas D. French, estate of Wm. R. French				12 31
Freman R. French, labor on highway in Dist. 4,				38 75
Alford Jones,	"	"	" "	18 00
E. W. Butterfield, breaking road in 1873 & 74				8 90
Timothy Stevens, labor on highway,				$14 00
Henry T. Barnard	"		Dist. No. 4	3 00
James E. Gault,	"		highway,	12 60

SUPPORT OF POOR FOR 1874.

Jas. French, for support, and Medical attendance of Abbie C. Bursiel, to Jan. 1st.,	70 80
Jas. French, for support of Abbie C. Bursiel Jan 1st. to Feb. 25th. 1875,	24 00

Amount of money assessed upon the polls and ratable estate of residents and non-residents in the town of Bedford, for the year 1874:

State tax	$1,604 00
County tax	908 70

Town "	1,500 00
Dog "	94 00
School "	1,403 50
Percentage	137 23
Non-resident highway	92 72
	$5,740 15

PROPORTION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

District No 1	$274 60
" " 2	181 32
" " 3	127 79
" " 4	232 88
" " 5	117 70
" " 6	146 15
" " 7	158 74
" " 8	152 87
" " 9	126 61
" " 10	55 68
" " 11	80 70
	$1,655 04

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDERS DRAWN SINCE MARCH 1, 1874.

Incidential Expenses	$9,779 20	
Highway and bridges	1,173 22	
Support of Poor	95 80	
		$11,048 22

MONEY PAID WITHOUT ORDERS BEING DRAWN.

Cash paid without orders	$65 04
Old orders	152 10

Balance of School Money 1873	151 54	
School Money of 1874	1,655 04	
		$2,023 72
		$13,071 94

The whole amount of assets from the Treasurer's report	$24,661 04
Deduct money paid out, up to March 1st. 1875	13,071 94
	$11,589 10
Deduct estimated amount due town officers and outstanding bills	$500 00
Leaving a balance in favor of the town	$11,089 10

Respectfully submitted:

SAM'L. E. MORRISON,
JOHN S. McNEILL,
CLINTON FRENCH.
Selectmen of Bedford.

SCHOOL REPORT.

It has pleased God, during the past year, to remove by death our honored townsman and Superintendent of Schools, Mr. William R. French, whose efficiency and general fitness for the office had made him the choice of the people for a second term. The undersigned was appointed by the Selectmen to fill this unexpired term, and entered upon his duties with the disadvantage that was inevitable under the circumstances. Several of the fall terms were just about closing, and not having visited the schools at the beginning of the term, no estimate could be formed of the progress made. In some of the districts the new appointment of Superintendent was not known and no notice was given him of the beginning of the school term. Hence some of the schools had been in progress three or four weeks before they were visited.

It is pleasant, however, to record the fact that the schools generally were found to be in a prosperous condition, under the care of efficient teachers, and, so far as known, good feeling and confidence between parents, teachers and scholars had prevailed. Such has continued to be the case to the close of the year.

It will be understood that the following statements refer only to the last half of the year. The illness of the late Superintendent disabled him from making any notes of his visits during the first six months. The facts and figures, however, are taken from the school registers for he whole year, and are believed to be generally correct.

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

Summer term of 10 weeks, taught by Miss Sarah M. Foster. Fall term of 10 weeks, taught by Miss M. E. Walker. Winter term of 9 weeks, taught by Mr. Willis B. Kendall. Whole number of different scholars registered during the year, 30. The winter term of this school was not finished at the time this report went to the printer. The Superintendent was present at the examination at the close of the fall term, and he also visited the school at the beginning of the winter term. The general progress of the school during the year appears to have been satisfactory. The examination at the close of the fall term was well sustained, the scholars acquitting themselves well in all the branches of study.

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.

Summer term of nine weeks, taught by Miss Eunice Stevens. Winter term of 14 weeks, taught by Miss Josie E. Rollins. Whole number of different scholars registered during the year, 22. The examination showed a good degree of progress, the larger scholars especially giving evidence of improvement. It is to be regretted, however, that none of the parents of children or any other visitors were present at the examination.

DISTRICT NUMBER THREE.

Summer term of 11 weeks, taught by Miss Lucy F. Morse. Winter term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss T. Frankie Rundlett. Whole number of difierent scholars registered during the year, 25. The advancement of the scholars, as illustrated in the examination, was all that could be expected for a short term of 8 weeks, and the recitations in the main were creditable.

DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR.

Summer term of 8 weeks and fall term of 10 weeks, taught by Miss Mazie A. Walker. Winter term of 10

weeks, by Miss Sarah M. Foster. Whole number of different scholars registered during the year, 19. The examination at the close of the fall term was well sustained and the scholars gave evidence of application and diligence in their studies. The winter term had not closed at the time of making this report, but was progressing in an encouraging and satisfactory manner.

DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE.

Summer term of 8 weeks; winter term of 10 weeks; both taught by Mrs. E. A. Stevens. Whole number of different scholars reported, 13. This school, although small, is an interesting one; the scholars appeared well disciplined and to have learned thoroughly the lessons taught during the term. It was pleasant to observe the system and good order of the school and the mutual respect and confidence between teacher and scholars.

DISTRICT NUMBER SIX.

Summer term of 10 weeks; winter term of 16 weeks; both taught by Miss Clara L. Rockwood. Whole number of different scholars registered, 25. The school was characterized by good order, and the recitations on an average, good. The presence of so large a number of parents at the examination evinced their interest in the welfare of their school.

DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN.

Summer term of 10 weeks, taught by Miss Emma J. Witherspoon. Winter term of 12 weeks, taught by Mr. Ezra F. Elliott. Whole number of scholars registered during the year, 26. This school has been quite successful during the year, and the results of study altogether satisfactory. Several of the scholars are well advanced in the departments of arithmetic and grammar, and in all the departments the examination was creditable. A goodly number of parents were present at the examination, and those who spoke expressed themselves as well satisfied with the condition of their school.

DISTRICT NUMBER EIGHT.

Summer term of 10 weeks, taught by Miss M. E. Walker. Winter term of 11 weeks, taught by Miss Lydia W. Dodge. Whole number of different scholars reported during the year, 31. The examination was well sustained and the recitations fully up to the average. The scholars appeared to be orderly, attentive and respectful to the teacher. A good representation of parents and friends was present.

DISTRICT NUMBER NINE.

Summer term of 8 weeks and fall term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss M. C. Abbott. Winter term of 9 weeks, taught by Miss Nellie B. Chamberlain. Whole number of different scholars registered during the year, 25. No school in the town appeared more favorably than this. Promptness in answering questions showed that the studies had been diligently pursued, and the considerable advancement of some of the pupils indicated that they were above the average in point of scholarship. The day of examination was stormy, which perhaps hindered the presence of more of the parents.

DISTRICT NUMBER TEN.

No report of summer term. Winter term of 9 weeks, taught by Miss Minnie C. Wilkins, whole number of different scholars registered 11. This is a small school in point of number, but none the less interesting on that account. The scholars sustained themselves well in the examination and showed very decided advancement in their studies during the term.

DISTRICT NUMBER ELEVEN

Summer term of 8 weeks and winter term of 8 weeks, both taught by Miss Sallie D. French. Whole number of different scholars registered during the year, 11. The Superintendent visited this school during the term, but

was prevented by illness from attending the examination. The school appeared, when visited, to be progressing in a satisfactory manner.

SUMMARY.

Whole number of different scholars enrolled, 4 years of age and upward, attending school not less than 2 weeks, 238. Boys, 119; Girls, 119; No. enrolled under 6 years of age, 25; No. enrolled over 16 years of age, 17; No. enrolled between 6 and 16, 196; No. between 4 and 14 not attending school, 33; Whole length of all the summer schools in weeks of 5 days, 134; Whole length of all the winter schools in weeks of 5 days, 108.

TEXT BOOKS.

READERS.—Holy Bible, Hillard's and Town and Holbrook's Series, Monroe's Series.
SPELLERS.—Town and Holbrook's Progressive.
GEOGRAPHIES.— Guyot's, Colton & Fitch's.
GRAMMAR.—Quackenbos'.
ARITHMETIC.—Eaton's Common School, Robinson's, Walton's Intellectual Series.
ALGEBRA.—Robinson's.
HISTORY.—Seavey & Goodrich's U. S. History, Campbell's U. S. History.
PHILOSOPHY.—Weld's.
BOOK-KEEPING.—Bryant & Stratton's.
WRITING.—Payson, Dunton & Scribner's.

Respectfully submitted.

IRA C. TYSON,

Superintendent of Schools.

Bedford, N. H., March 1, 1875.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

No. of District.	Terms.	Names of Teachers.	No. weeks of school.	Wages per month, including board.	Whole No. Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. attending to Reading.	No. attending to Spelling.	No. attending to Writing.	No. attending to Arithmatic.	No. attending to Grammar.	No. attending to Geography.	No. attending to Composition.	No. attending to History.	No. attending to Algebra.	No. attending to other studies.	No. between 4 and 14 not attending school	Tardiness.	Dismissals.	Not absent one-half day.	No. of visits by Superintending Committee	No. of visits by Prudential Committee.	Average amount expended on each scholar.
1	1	Sarah M. Foster	10	34	25	19	25	25	19	16	7	9	[illegible]					48	30		2	1	3 40
1	2	M. E. Walker	10	34	27	25	27	27	18	18	8	16	8					16	10		2		3 14
1	3	Willis B. Kendall	9	32	27	23	27	20	22	20	12	15				3		104	2	4	2		2 66
2	1	Eunice Stevens	9	28	20	17	20	20	8	17	4	8		1	1		1	18	3			2	2 80
2	2	Josie E. Rollins	14	32	21	13	21	21	15	16	4	10						16	12		2		5 33
3	1	Lucy F. Morse	11	28	23	21	23	19	12	16	3	7	[illegible]			2		34	4	4	2	1	3 35
3	2	T. Frankie Rundlett	14	21	21	17	20	20	11	14	3	8	1	2				50	13	15	2		3 41
4	1	Mazie A. Walker	8	20	16	14	16	16	12	10	4	7	4	2				30	13	5	2		2 50
4	2	" "	10	26	18	15	18	18	14	14	3	9	7	2				8	8	1	1		3 61
4	3	Sarah M. Foster	10	34	17	14	17	17	13	13	5	7	5		1			30	3	1	2		5 00
5	1	Eliza A. Stevens	8	24	13	11	13	13	8	13	7	7			1		1	23		1	1		3 69
5	2	" "	10	24	11	9	11	11	6	11	6	5						29		3	2		5 45
6	1	Clara L. Rockwood	10	16	19	16	19	19	13	13	2	7					3	7	2	6	2		2 10
6	2	" "	16	20	25	19	25	25	15	18	2	9		2			1	34	2	5	2	1	3 70
7	1	Emma J. Witherspoon	10	22	18	13	18	18	8	12	4	10					5	11	7	3	2		3 05
7	2	Ezra F. Elliott	12	46	20	17	20	20	12	17	10	8			1	3	9	77	3	2	2	2	7 40
8	1	M. E. Walker	10	18	18	15	18	18	9	14	1	9				18	5	48	3	4	2		2 50
8	2	Lydia W. odge	11	31	28	22	20	28	16	27	7	12					3	87	8	2	2	1	3 03
9	1	M. C. Abbott	8	20	17	16	17	10	10	10	10	10	2		2			9	3	6	2	1	2 35
9	2	" "	8	20	14	12	14	9	14	9	5	7	2		2	2	4	13	3	1	2		2 85
9	3	Nellie B. Chamberlain	9	20	20	14	20	20	10	18	7	8			3		1	45	1	1	2	1	2 25
10	1*																						
10	2	Minnie C. Wilkins	9	26	11	10	11	11	9	10	4	9		1				8		4		2	5 27
11	1	Sallie D. French	8	20	7	6	7	7	1	3		1						9		2	1	2	5 77
11	2	" "	8	24	9	8	9	9	6	5	2	2				1		50		3		1	5 33

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